February 21, 2023

To Members of Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of bill HB05653 - AAE AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS. I am concerned by the recent increase in gun violence. As you know, this problem is complex and multi-factorial, and will require many varied of interventions to resolve. I believe using ammunition sales to fund violence intervention programs will be effective in decreasing gun violence.

Sincerely,

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